



**We had fun!** Meeting new cousins for the first time, and hopping cow patties. We left the picnic grove at 9 am to travel to Kay Lynn Younkin's farm, which was one of two on the property first settled by Johan Henrich Junghen's son, Frederick G. We visited Fred in his cemetery, while Mark told stories.

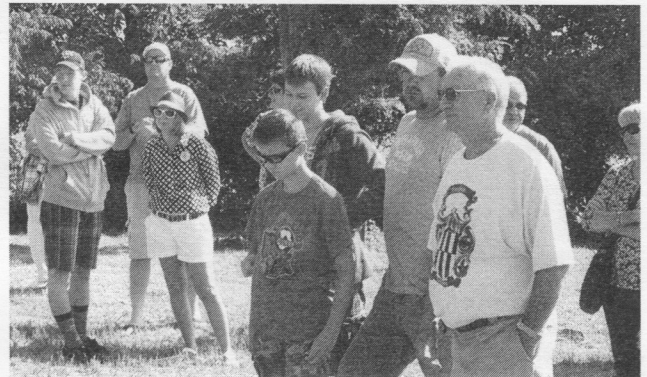


The cows were most attentive. Meanwhile, our California Cousins, Louise Forsburg and Linda Steigh had a hard time tearing themselves away from



a stray cow. Maybe they don't have milk cows in Ca.

**We welcomed a number of new faces this year...**



L-R: Owins, Younkins, Randolph Henry (behind Blair Jr.) Also, Henry, etc.



New attendee, Glenda Rae Tressler-Smith lovingly touches her Grandmother Jemimah's stone at the Frederick G Cemetery during the visit.

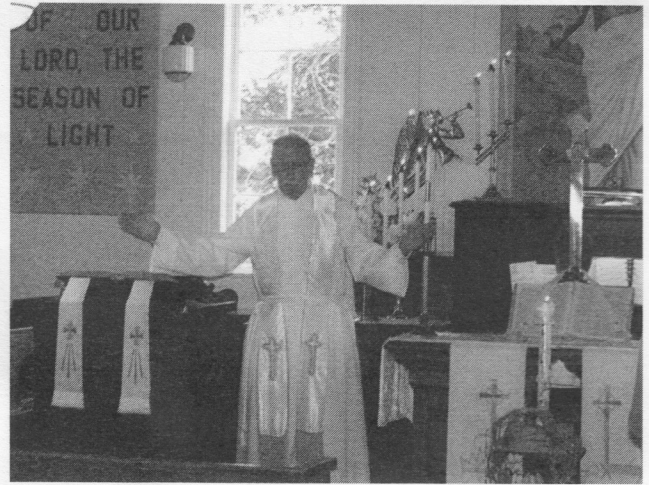


Following a generous catered lunch, we listened to Carolyn McKinney speak on her hunt for dead people. She wrote the book on it.



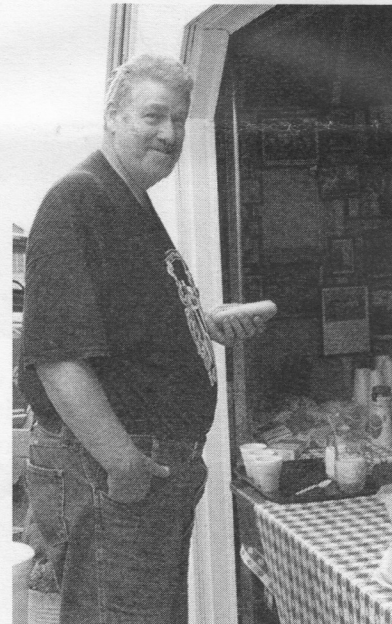
Carolyn worked with Meyersdale Library several years ago, locating and getting GPS locations on every cemetery in Somerset County, which she could find. She told some scary unwelcome visits, and the rewards of the project. The information has been made publicly available online at:  
<http://www.usgwarchives.net/pa/somerset/cemeteries/index.htm>

We finally wrapped up the day with a family church service at Mt Union, with a memorial for each family member who died during the year. The new bell was rung as each name was read.



Rev. Jay Christner, our cousin, and pastor at the Brethren Church in Rockwood, gave a wonderful message of peace and change.

Ma Brocht served up hot dogs and cookies following the service, and Chuck was first in line.



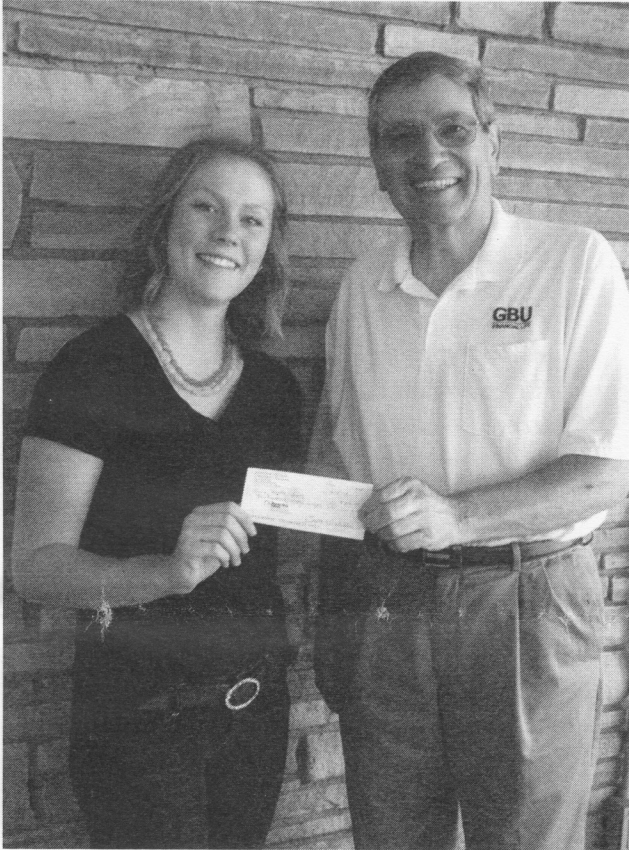
Chuck is the Grandson of Charleroi Charlie, who was instrumental in obtaining the genealogy and organizing the first Younkin Reunions back in the 1930's. He's also the husband of Pres. Toni.

Please join our Younkin Reunion Pennsylvania group on Facebook, where we swap stories, photos, news, and just generally keep in touch between reunions! It's private site. No public access.



### Johan Henrich Scholarship Program

The 2014 (3<sup>rd</sup> year) winner of the Johan Henrich Junghen Scholarship was **Jeannette Elizabeth Metz**, who is a freshman at Allegheny County Community College, Somerset Campus. She plans to become a Physical Therapist. She graduated Rockwood High School in Somerset Co. with a ?? GPA.



*Jeannette is the d/o Joel Metz, s/o Linda Marker, d/o Mabel Trimpey, d/o Delilah Younkin, d/o Wm Lincoln, s/o Frederick J (Civil War), s/o Jacob, s/o Jacob, s/o Johan Henrich Junghen.*

Thanks to all who contributed so generously, in addition to purchasing 50/50 tickets. All full-time college students are encouraged to apply. You must show how you descend from Heinrich, our immigrant, and must have attended a Younkin reunion within the past 5 years and show an interest in Younkin family history. Applications can be downloaded at <http://1drv.ms/1NT7tK4> OR will be mailed upon request.

From Linda: Poor Jeannette has me as a grandma, so she's well tuned in to how interrelated the folks on this mountain are. She

always comes to me if she has her eye on a new fellow, and asks first if we're related. This brings to mind something I heard years ago at a folk sing. This is an old Irish joke that somehow found it's way into a song. Buffy Saint Marie recorded a version of this long ago with a few more verses. Johnny Be Fair

<http://music.debracowan.com/track/johnny-be-fair>

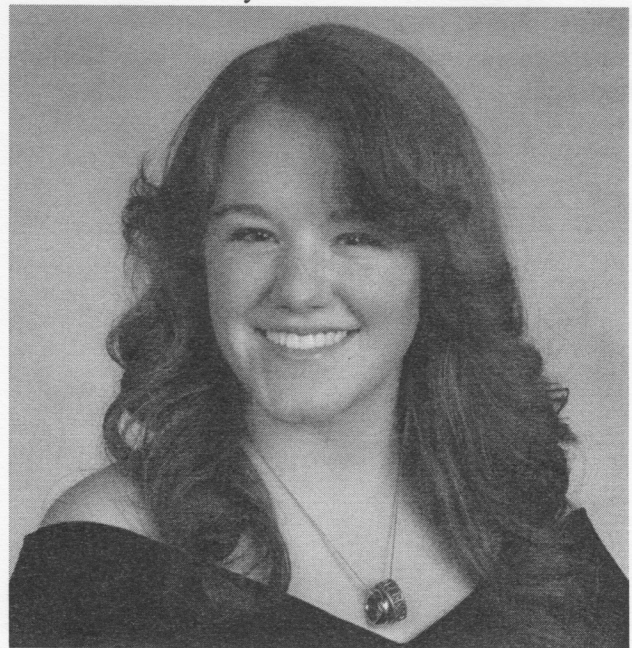
To read more about cousin marriages, go to Mark Miner's site:

<http://www.minerd.com/younkinkissincousins.htm>

### And the Winner Is....

The winner of the 50/50 drawing this year was Audrey Younkins, of Butler, PA!

**Logan Amanda Barrick** graduates from Catocin High School located in Thurmont, MD on June 3, 2015. She was just accepted to her top choice of University of North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem, NC to pursue a BFA in Film Editing where she will start in the Fall. It's a public conservatory school affiliated with the University of North Carolina system where she will eat, sleep and breath film for four years.



Currently Logan lives with her mom, Jennifer in Gettysburg, PA and works at the local movie theater (of course!) Logan is d/o Jennifer Logan, d/o Donna Younkin Logan, d/o.....

## 2015 Reunion Ceremony to Honor Civil War Gravesites - by Mark A Miner

During the upcoming reunion weekend, you are invited to attend a ceremony where reunion officials will lay wreaths at the Civil War graves of two family soldiers – John K. Rush, husband of Syvilla Younkin, of the 168th Pennsylvania Infantry, and his brother in law, Alexander Sanner, husband of Nancy Younkin, of the 62nd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Both old soldiers rest in the Van Sickle Cemetery near Farmington, PA.



Uniformed re-enactors with the Mt Union Church Camp, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will provide a salute to these cousin soldiers and all veterans buried in this small hilltop cemetery.

**About John K. Rush (1810-1889):** He is the great-great-grandfather of famed actress and singer Shirley Jones. Ms. Jones and her husband Marty Ingels are aware of the event and have been invited to attend.



John and Syvilla Younkin were wed in about 1840, with an age difference of 11 years. They had 11 known children -- Candace "Candy" Miner, Alexander Rush, James "Austin" Rush, Patrick Rush,

Sarah J. Rush, Mary Frances Brougher, Margery Victoria Williams, Alice Matlick, Sarah "Cecilia" Haines, Lavina Richey and Martha Rush.

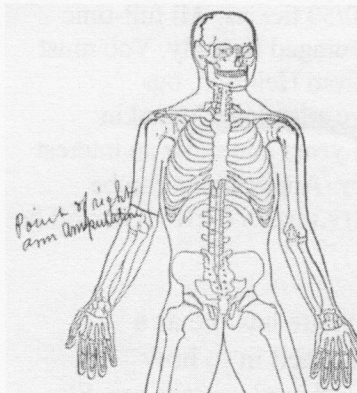
Little is known about John's specific activity during the war. He retained the rank of private throughout his entire term of military service. His regiment, the 168th Pennsylvania, was formed in late 1862 for a term of nine months. In his book *History of Pennsylvania Volunteers, 1861-5*, Volume 4, Samuel P. Bates wrote this summary:

*From New Berne several expeditions were made, none of which resulted in battle, and at the end of the siege of Little Washington, the regiment was stationed there until June 28. Proceeding to Fortress Monroe, it joined at White House in the movement toward Richmond and in response to the desire of the troops to cooperate in the defense of their native state was ordered to Harper's Ferry. However, the 168th was not destined to share in the bloody battle at Gettysburg and joined the army at Boonesboro. After a short period at Middleton, Md., the command was mustered out at Harrisburg, July 25, 1863.*

For more on John and Syvilla see:

[http://www.minerd.com/bioyounkin,\\_syvillarush.htm](http://www.minerd.com/bioyounkin,_syvillarush.htm)

**About Alexander Sanner (1822-1905):** On May 12, 1864, he took part in the Battle of Spotsylvania, VA, otherwise known as The Wilderness, a matchup between Grant and Lee. While neither side secured a clear victory, it was a slaughter of great magnitude, with a combined nearly 29,000 combined casualties. At that battle, Alexander's right arm was struck by a gunshot, with an enemy minié ball which entered his



hand and exited above the elbow. He was rushed to Judiciary Square Hospital in Washington, where the limb was amputated about 2.5 inches above the elbow. Within a few days, he was sent to McDougal U.S.



Hospital in New York, and then in June to Philadelphia to the U.S. Hospital at 24th and South Streets. The army eventually transferred him into the 155th Pennsylvania Infantry. On Oct. 4, 1864, considered a "straggler," he was relocated to a nearby hospital at Broad and Cherry Streets, where he convalesced for the duration of the war.

He and Nancy had a dozen known children, born over a 23-year time-span between 1849 and 1876 – John "Franklin" Sanner, Matilda Catherine "Kate" Raymond, Eleanor C. "Ellen" McCann, Charles F. Sanner, Sarah Sanner, William J. Sanner, Marcellus Andrew Sanner, Ulysses "Grant" Sanner, Elliott Sanner, Alexander Sanner, Jacob Sanner and Isaiah Sanner.

For more information see:

[http://www.minerd.com/bioyounkin,\\_nancysanner.htm](http://www.minerd.com/bioyounkin,_nancysanner.htm).

Courtesy of [www.minerd.com](http://www.minerd.com)

For the Cemetery directions:

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=crMa&CRid=46563>

## Saying Goodbye

**Maola M. Rose**, 93, Confluence, passed away Tuesday, March 25, 2014 in Meadow View Nursing Center, Berlin. She was born Dec. 28, 1920 at Pine Hill, Somerset County, a daughter of Grant M. and Nannie (Knupp) Brant. Her parents, husband, Albert Glenn Rose, daughter, Shirley Bailey, an infant son, brothers, Paul Andrew, Ira, Ray and Homer and sisters, Susan Miller and Norma Shepler preceded her in death. She is survived by her children, Albert Glenn Rose, Jr., Broomfield, Colo., Darius Jay Rose, Confluence, Wilma Jean Boyd, Burleson, Texas, Nancy Irene Rose, Wareham, Mass., Glenda Adelle Burket, Greensboro, N.C., Anthony Scott Rose, Fredonia, Kan., Earle Eugene Rose, Confluence, and Eric Todd Rose, Tulsa, Okla.; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, John Brant, of Texas. Maola was a faithful member of the Confluence Church of the Nazarene for 60 years. She especially enjoyed church work in the areas of missions and working with children. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. She loved and cherished each of them. At Maola's request there will be no viewing or

visitation. Family and friends are invited to a funeral service in celebration of her life at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Humbert Funeral Home in Confluence with Pastor Kenneth Schweter officiating. Interment will follow in Jersey Cemetery. Online condolences may be left for the family

[www.humbertfuneralhome.com](http://www.humbertfuneralhome.com)

*Wife of Albert Glen Rose, s/o*

**Pauline F. Younkin Hoover Thomas**, 95, a resident of Goodwill Mennonite Home, Grantsville, MD and formerly of Listonburg, PA, passed away Tuesday, May 13, 2014. She was born February 19, 1919 in Markleton, PA, a daughter of Charles M. and Grace A. (Beachy) Younkin. Husbands, Marshall W. Hoover and Frank H. Thomas, daughter Mabel J. (Hoover) Suder, brother, Galen Younkin, daughter, Rita (Thomas) Burow and grandson, Gregory L. Hoover preceded her in death. She is survived by children, Leanna (Thomas) Burow and husband, Carl, and Peggy (Thomas) Mackey, both of Confluence, PA, Delores (Thomas) Perry and husband, Bill, Central Lake, MI, Frank Harold Thomas and wife, Peg, Natchitoches, LA, James Hoover and wife, Helen, Cumberland, MD, Kay (Thomas) Koontz and husband, Tom, Mesa, AZ, Roger Hoover and wife, Laura, Addison, PA, Jack Hoover and wife, Linda, Magnolia, TX, Tom Thomas and wife, Ellen, Newville, PA; son-in-law, Rev. Joseph Suder, Kissimmee, FL; 28 grandchildren, 62 great grandchildren, 32 great great grandchildren and 1 great great great grandchild; sisters, Faye Poling, Grafton, WV, Ruby Hough and husband, Carl, Gladwin, MI and Helen King, Scullton, PA. Pauline was a homemaker and a member of Old Bethel Church. Friends will be received from 2-4 and 6-8 PM Friday, May 16, 2014 at the Humbert Funeral Home in Confluence. A funeral service will be held at 11 AM Saturday, May 17, 2014 in the Old Bethel Church with Rev. Duane Riddle and Rev. Joseph Suder officiating. There will be viewing at the church one hour prior to the service. Interment in Addison Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Old Bethel Church, 227 Old Bethel Rd., Markleton, PA 15551.

*Pauline is d/o Chas Younkin, s/o Wm Lincoln, s/o Frederick J, s/o Jacob, s/o Jacob, s/o Henrich*



**CAROL A. YOUNKIN** (nee Will), 72, beloved wife of Galen; devoted mother of Glenn (Deborah) and Eric (Dana); loving grandmother of Justin, Alex, Alexis (deceased), Samantha and Michael; cherished daughter of the late Irene (nee Tischler) and Elmer



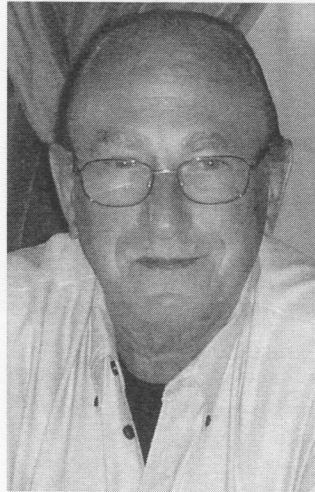
Will; dear sister of Dorothy (Andrew) Szimpl, Marilyn (John, deceased) Novak, Russell Will (Donna Murray) (Annette, deceased) and the late Kenneth (Louise) (Barbara and Laura, deceased), Ronald and Robert Will (Robert Fredrick, deceased) and Lois (Robert, deceased) Crowe; beloved aunt,

great-aunt, great-great-aunt and friend of many. The family will receive friends WEDNESDAY 2-4 AND 6-8:30 P.M. AT THE DONALD MARTENS & SONS FUNERAL HOME, 26691 DETROIT RD., (ONE MILE WEST OF COLUMBIA RD.), WESTLAKE, where services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. Interment Brooklyn Hts. Cemetery. The family suggests memorial donations to Boy Scout Troop 515, c/o Mila Roberts, 7404 Denison Ave., 44102 or the Greater Cleveland Council BSA for National Youth Leadership Training, 2241 Woodland Ave., 44115. *Carol is wife of Galen, s/o Chas Younklin, s/o Wm Lincoln, s/o Frederick J, s/o Jacob, s/o Jacob, s/o Henrich*

#### **Former Greensburg public relations executive dies at 68**

**Michael Koff** had a successful career in public relations and advertising, but he was a family man at heart. "He was at all of my soccer games and dance recitals. He was always so proud of us," said his daughter, Madelyn Koff, a student at Duquesne University. "When he worked at Sony, his office was filled with memorabilia of (my brother) Alex and I. It was wall-to-wall pictures of us." Michael Louis Koff died on Saturday, March 22, 2014, in his home in Wilmington, N.C., from an apparent heart attack.

He was 68. Mr. Koff spent his career working in public relations, starting at U.S. Steel and working his way up to senior manager. He later was a founding principal partner of St. George Group, an advertising, public relations and



marketing firm in Pittsburgh, where the Tribune-Review and Sony were his clients. He took a job with Sony in 1995 and worked there until retiring in 2009, overseeing all employee communications, public/media relations, community affairs and government relations.

"He understood the trick to PR is telling the story right," said Carroll Quinn, chief operating officer for Distinct Advertising in Greensburg. "He and I go all the way back to when he was at St. George. But I actually did some work with him in my current capacity. We needed some help on a project, and he was the first person I thought of. He came to our rescue, and the project went off without a hitch." Mr. Koff was the only child of Harold and Deborah "Dolly" Spiegel Koff. He grew up in Westmont, Cambria County, and graduated from high school there. He attended Penn State University and the University of Massachusetts, and served in the Army during the Vietnam era, when he was stationed in Germany. He met Holly Trimpey in February 1989 on a blind date and married her eight months later. She worked as a nurse at then-Presbyterian University Hospital in Oakland. "There was a small group, and we were supposed to go on a blind date, but I was called to work that night," Mrs. Koff said. "He called me in the middle of my shift and said, 'You don't know me, but we were supposed to go out tonight.' So we made a date." The couple bought their first home in Highland Park before moving to Acme in Westmoreland County and then



Greensburg. They relocated to Wilmington in December, planning to spend their retirement there. "Michael and I loved to travel, loved to cruise, loved to take walks together. We were always together," Mrs. Koff said. Mr. Koff enjoyed traveling, taking many family trips to the Caribbean and Europe. He was an avid sports fan, attending many Pittsburgh games with his family. "He was full of knowledge and was always happy to give life lessons," said his son, Army Spc. Alexander Koff of Fort Hood, Texas. In addition to his wife, daughter and son, Mr. Koff is survived by several cousins. A memorial service will be held on Friday in Andrews Valley Chapel, 4108 S. College Road, Wilmington, N.C. Visitation begins at 5:30 p.m. and a service is planned for 6:30 p.m. *Michael's wife, Holly Trimpey, descends from Nancy Younkin Trimpey, d/o Frederick F, s/o Frederick G.*

**Teddy D. Singo**, 81, of Rockwood, formerly of Trent, passed on June 4, 2014 at Somerset Hospital. Born Dec. 9, 1932 in Middlecreek Township, he is a son of the late Dorsey and Blanche (Ream) Singo. He is also preceded in death by three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brothers, Oran, Robert, and Wayne Singo; and sister, Nelma Jacobs. Teddy is survived by his wife of 62 years, Arlene (Phillippi) Singo; children: Shirley Walker and husband Blaine of Rockwood; Thomas Singo and wife Janet (Skinner) of Clarington, Ohio; Gloria Critchfield and husband Martin of Lake City; and Michael Singo and wife Tammy (Hensel) of Washington; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Teddy was a retired construction worker and member of Laborers' Union Local 1058 in Pittsburgh. He was a member of the Center Church of the Brethren in Trent where he was a longtime deacon and Sunday School teacher. He enjoyed bowling, outdoor sports, and spending time with his family, friends, and church family. He was a great husband, father, and worker. Friends will be received from noon till 6 p.m. Saturday with a service to follow at 6 p.m. at Miller Funeral Home and Crematory, Somerset, pastor Homer Painter officiating. Interment at Barron's Cemetery, Trent. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Center Church of the Brethren Fellowship Hall

Building Fund at 226 County Line Road, Champion, PA 15622.

*Husband of the Great Granddaughter of Nancy Younkin, married to John S Trimpey, Civil War Vet of Kingwood. Nancy's son, and Ted's wife's Grandmother's brother, was Henry Trimpey, shot over the land dispute.*

**Robert J. Felo**, 79, of Economy, passed peacefully at



home on Wed., June 4, 2014. Born in Mingo Junction, OH, on Oct. 7, 1934, to the late Andrew G. and Clara (Surenda) Felo, he graduated from Freedom High School in 1953 then joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served during the Korean Era.

*Husband of Janet Barnes - of the family of Syvilla (Younkin) Rush.*

**Irene B. [Younkin] Cooper**, 82, of Charleroi, passed away Tuesday, June 17, 2014, in Mon Valley Care Center, Carroll Township. She was born Sept. 27, 1931, in Fallowfield Township, the daughter of the late Clarence W. and Mildred Robson Younkin. Mrs. Cooper was a member of the First Christian Church of Charleroi. She was a former employee at the Charleroi Montgomery Wards where she was the catalog manager and custom orders in the drapery department. She is survived by two sisters, Dorothy Gallagher of Charleroi and Doris Kusaj and husband, Bruce, of Belle Vernon. Also surviving are nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Cooper was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon; son, Bruce Cooper; and her brother, Clarence Younkin Jr. Friends will be received from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday in the SCHROCK-HOGAN FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES INC., 226 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi. Funeral services will be private. Interment will be in the West Newton Cemetery. *Granddaughter of "Charleroi Charley" Younkin*

**Betty L. Howard**, 86, Somerset, died July 24, 2014, at In Touch Hospice House. Born Dec. 31, 1927, in Milford Township, she is the daughter of the late Harold G. and Elta May (Ream) Brant. Also preceded in death by her husband, George R. "Barney" Howard, and son, Richard G. Howard. Survived by



children: Linda J. Myers and husband Ervin of Berlin, Mary Jane Hayman and husband Kenneth of Berlin, Harold J. Howard of Wimauma, Florida, Charles R. Howard and wife Kimberly of Somerset and Robert Howard and wife Wendy of Virginia Beach, Virginia; 13 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. Sister of William J. Brant of Rockwood, Eileen M. Harold of Rockwood and Alvin Brant of Australia; and brother-in-law, Harry Weller of Somerset. Member of the First United Methodist Church of Somerset, a 1946 graduate of Somerset High School and was an Avon representative for 46 years. She was also a member of the homemakers group called the Mixers, the church kitchen band, and enjoyed taking Sunday car rides with her 100-mile friends. Friends will be received from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday in the Robert H. Halverson Funeral Home and from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday in the First United Methodist Church, where services will be held at 11 a.m. with Rev. Dale Shunk officiating. Interment in Somerset County Memorial Park. Her husband George said flowers reminded him of a funeral, but many flowers were sent to honor them. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 149 W. Patriot St., Somerset, PA 15501, or In Touch Hospice House, P.O. Box 1173, Somerset, PA 15501. *Descends from Barbary Ellen Dull, from the Fred G. Younkin line.*

**Merle R. Pletcher**, 90, New Centerville, passed on Aug. 1, 2014, at the In Touch Hospice House. Born Oct. 1, 1923, in Rockwood, he is a son of the late Edward and Elmira (Phillippi) Pletcher. He is also preceded in death by his wife Mildred in 1998. Merle is survived by his children Terry Pletcher and wife Judy (Sanner), Rockwood, Joyce Nelson and husband Ralph, Ashville, Ohio, Cherie Kenemore and husband Dennis, Mt. Wolf, Jerry Pletcher, Confluence, and Holly Angermeier and husband Michael, Wilmington, North Carolina; grandchildren: Allen Pletcher, Patti Jo Lambert, Lori Figueroa, Corey Nelson, Tina Steinfelt, Matt Kenemore, Kelsey Angermeier and Austin Angermeier; 14 great-grandchildren; brother Dale Pletcher and wife Arlene, Somerset; and caring friend Christine Lamberson. Merle was a longtime coal miner in the area and also worked as a stone mason. He attended the Rockwood Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. Friends will be received from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at Miller

Funeral Home and Crematory, Rockwood, where a service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, the Rev. Patrick Walsh officiating. Interment at Wesley Chapel Church Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be sent to In Touch Hospice at P.O. Box 1173, Somerset, PA 15501.

Merle is the s/o Elmira Trimpey Phillippi, d/o Nancy Younkin, d/o Frederick F, s/o Frederick G Younkin.

**Charles E. "Bill" Gary Jr.**, 76, of Somerset, formerly of Black Township, has finally won his long battle with cancer, went home to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Sept. 9, 2014 at the In Touch Hospice House in Somerset. Born June 2, 1938, the son of the late Charles and Frances (Pritts) Gary and brother of Fred "Brownie" Gary, all of whom preceded him in death. Charles leaves behind his wife Jennie (Benford) to whom he was married for 46 years; these loving daughters and sons: Wilma, married to Fred Ream of Kingwood; Joyce, and her great friend Dale Gindlesperger of Lancaster; Vickie Nixon of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; Melony, married to Scott Moon of Somerset; Stacy, married to Teresa (Hoyman) of Garrett; Jody, married to Elena Engleka of Kingwood; Douglas, and friend Johna Spangler of Garrett; James of Somerset; and Randy, married to Sue (Weir) of Holsopple; a loving brother, Kenneth, and his wife Jill (Pritts) of Trent; and loving sister Leona, married to Clarence Ulery of Stoystown. He will be missed by his best buddies John Hoyman of Garrett and Chalmers "Coonie" Pritts of Rockwood, and many more too numerous to mention. He is also survived by 17 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He loved his little dog "Oreo." Charles loved to camp, go on cruises, fishing, and hunting, and loved to watch the Pirates and Steelers, of whom he was a great fan. He worked as a coal miner in Grove #1 in Jennerstown and later retired from Rockwood Manufacturing Co. He loved going to church. Charles loved his new home and called his neighbors wonderful people. He called his oncology doctor and nurses "his angels." Charles, along with his wife Jennie, organized and incorporated Somerset County Kids and Kountians in Need Inc. There will be no viewing or visitation at Charles' request. The family will receive friends one hour prior to a funeral mass, which will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20 at St. Peter's Church in Somerset, father Daniel O'Neill celebrant. Interment at Somerset County Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Somerset County Kids and Kountians In Need, c/o Lisa Wooley at 191 Wooley Lane, Somerset, PA 15501 or St.



Peter's Church at 433 W. Church St., Somerset, PA 15501. Arrangements by Miller Funeral Home and Crematory, Somerset

**James V. Miller**, 93, of Jones Mills, died Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2014, at his home. He was born April 10, 1921, in Indian Head, a son of the late Chester and Minnie Whetsel Miller. Mr. Miller was a graduate of Connellsville High School. He was a carpenter, having been an honorary life member of almost 66 years of Union Local No. 2274. He was a veteran of the Army, serving in the military police during World War II, where he was a bodyguard during the Nuremberg War Trials. He was a member of the Valley Brethren Church. He is survived by his wife, Mildred Cramer Miller; two children, Joan Elaine Foster and her husband, Rock, of Jones Mills, and Brian Miller and his wife, Candise, of Champion; and two grandchildren, Malinda and Rachel Miller. Mr. Miller was the last surviving member of his immediate family. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, Sherman Miller. Friends will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday in the CLYDE BROOKS FUNERAL HOME INC., corner of Municipal Building Road and Route 711, Melcroft, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday with the Rev. William Yoder officiating. Interment will follow in the Donegal Cemetery.

*family of Susanna (Younkin) Kuhns*

**Jay Darl Sanner**, 76, Somerset, passed on Sept. 22, 2014, at Somerset Hospital. Born April 22, 1938, in Upper Turkeyfoot Twp., he is a son of the late Charles and Zelda (Younkin) Sanner. He is also preceded in death by his brothers Everett, Dean, and Terry Sanner. Mr. Sanner is survived by his wife of 58 years, Virginia (Henry) Sanner; sons Michael Sanner and wife Denise of Somerset and Charles Sanner and wife Debbie of New Centerville; grandchildren Jerica Hay and husband James of Rockwood, Joshua Sanner of Kimmelman, and Charles Sanner of New Centerville; great-grandchildren Kallie, Michael, and Makayla Hay; sisters Faye Compton and husband Leonard of Markleton, Evelyn Wirsing of Harnedsville, and Alice Carpenter and husband Ronald of Xenia, Ohio; and brother Peter Sanner and wife Nancy of Scullton. Mr. Sanner was a retired auto mechanic and construction worker who was involved in the

construction of the Kinzua Dam and the McNally Bridge on Route 219. He was a member of St. Peter's Church in Somerset and loved to garden, hunt, fish, and work. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Miller Funeral Home and Crematory, Somerset, where a vigil service will be held at 1:45 p.m. A funeral mass will be held at St. Peter's Church at 9:30 a.m. Friday, father Daniel O'Neill celebrant. Interment at Kingwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be sent to Somerset Birthright at P.O. Box 94, Somerset, PA 15501.

**Margaret (Peggy) Anne Youngkin** Peggy was born in Akron on February 11, 1944 and passed



away October 29, 2014. She enjoyed 40 years with the Xerox Corporation where she loved working and had many wonderful friends. When she retired she was fortunate to become a volunteer for

Summa Health System and loved serving on the Women's Board there. She is survived by the dearest love of her life, her husband, Ray (Sarge). She is also survived by her mother, Nellie Costanza; and her brothers, James Costanza and John (Gail) Costanza; and her much loved kitties, Murphy and Misty. Calling hours will be 4 to 7 Monday at Ciriello and Carr Funeral Home, 39 S. Miller Rd., Fairlawn, where funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday. Interment at Western Reserve National Cemetery, luncheon to follow at Akron Women City's Club. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Women's Board of Summa Health System Memorial Research Fund, P.O. Box 2090, Akron, OH 44309-2090 or Pawsibilities Humane Society of Greater Akron, 7996 Darrow Rd., Twinsburg, OH 44087.

**Zachary Thomas Zufall**, 32, a native of Pittsburgh, died in his home in Huntington, Calif., on Oct. 23, 2014. Growing up in Southwestern Pennsylvania, Zachary Zufall was an avid fan of the Steelers, Pirates and Penguins, and enjoyed fishing in the streams of the Laurel Highlands. "My father had a cabin in the Laurel Mountains that was most precious to Zachary.

We spent lots of family time there with my mother and father when he was growing up," said his mother, Holly Trimpey Koff of Wilmington, N.C. Zachary Thomas Zufall, 32, died unexpectedly in his home in Huntington Beach, Calif., on Oct. 23, 2014. He enjoyed home-cooked meals and big family gatherings, his mother said. "Zachary loved to cook. He loved making stuffed turkey dinners," Koff said. A 2000 honors graduate from Carson Long Military Academy in New Bloomfield in Perry County, Mr. Zufall was team leader of his cadet squad, military police and drill team; lead drummer of the marching band; and a member of the varsity cross country track team. Mr. Zufall completed the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps program in Fort Knox, Ky. He received an associate degree at Wentworth Military Academy and College in Lexington, Mo., and studied occupational therapy at St. Louis University. Mr. Zufall worked in Internet and cable sales for several years, covering regions in multiple states, including Missouri, New York, Arkansas, California and Texas. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his father, Richard Zufall of Bethel Park; a brother, Spc. Alexander Koff of Fort Hood, Texas; a sister, Madelyn Koff of Pittsburgh; and his grandmother, Claire Enany Trimpey of Wilmington. Funeral arrangements are being finalized in Wilmington, N.C. Contributions to a remembrance fund may be made to Holly Koff, 319 Wimbledon Court, Wilmington, N.C., 28412. *Zach is s/o Holly Trimpey, d/o Tom Trimpey, s/o Chis, s/o Wesley, s/o Nancy Younkin, d/o Frederick F, s/o Frederick G.*

**Merle E. Heckler**, 87, of Paoli, IN, passed away Sunday December 21, 2014 at Floyd Memorial Hospital. He was born on March 28, 1927 in Marklton, PA to Charles and Mae Mcguire Heckler. He married Betty Hurl in November of 1946. She preceded him in death in 1970, he then married Bea Andry in 1977 and she preceded him in 2000. He is also preceded in death by brothers Ray, Oscar, and a sister

Thelma. He was a member of the Jeffersonville Masonic Lodge # 340 F & AM. He was a self-employed carpenter as well as a US Army World War 2 veteran. Survivors include: Sons: Mike Andry Clarksville, IN, Marc Andry Sellersburg, IN. Daughters: Jeraldine Isgrigg Jeffersonville, IN, Krystal Funk Carrollton, TX, Karen Shade Radcliffe, KY, Connie Ellison Jeffersonville, IN. Brother: Robert Heckler Dunnellon, FL. Sister: Pearl Fike Marklesburg, PA Also surviving are 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Funeral Services will be 11 AM Tuesday December 23, 2014 at the Dillman-Scott Funeral Home 226 West Campbell Street Paoli, IN Visitation to be held 10 AM Until time of service at the funeral home on Tuesday with committal services to be held at 1:30 PM at Kraft Graceland Memorial Park New Albany, IN. *Merle is s/o Charles E Hechler, s/o Amanda Younkin, d/o Eli, s/o John M "Lawry John", s/o Jacob, s/o John, s/o Henry, our immigrant*

**Donald B. Younkin**, 90, Somerset, passed on Dec. 19, 2014, at the In Touch Hospice House. Born Oct. 9, 1924, in Somerset, he is a son of the late Russell and Anna (Pyle) Younkin. He is also preceded in death by his brother Earl Younkin; sister Nellie Willkow; and son-in-law Thomas Laird. Don is survived by his wife of 68 years Devyenna (Schenck) Younkin; daughters, Anna Mary "Amy" Palermo and husband Ed, Lower Burrell, and Lizabeth Sue "Suzy" Laird and friend James Fulton, Somerset; grandchildren: Mary Ann and fiance Scott, Karyn and fiance Karl, and Amy and husband Mike; and great-granddaughter Sophia. Don is a 1942 graduate of Somerset High School. He was an Eagle Scout and later became a Scout Master. He was retired from management at the Penelec Company. He was a life member of the Somerset Volunteer Fire Department, a long-time member of the Somerset Country Club, and a member of Lodge 358 of the Free and Accepted Masons. He was a longtime blood donor for the American Red Cross, which was a great source of pride for him. He was a member of the First Christian



Church in Somerset. There will be no viewing or visitation at Don's request. Private interment at Husband Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be sent to In Touch Hospice at P.O. Box 1173, Somerset, PA 15501 or the Somerset Fire Dept. at 340 W. Union St., Somerset, PA 15501.

Arrangements by Miller Funeral Home and Crematory, Somerset. *Donald is s/o Russell, s/o Ross, s/o Henry F, s/o Frederick G, s/o Henry.*

**James Harvey "Jamie" Younkin**, 70, Sandy Spring, Maryland, formerly of Meyersdale, died January 19, 2015 at MedStar Montgomery Medical Center, Olney, Maryland. Born September 27, 1944 in Meyersdale, the son of the late Edward E. Younkin Sr. and Edna F. (Martz) Younkin. Survived by his wife, Mary (McCranor) Younkin; sons, James Younkin and wife Tracey, Maiden, North Carolina; Rickie Orner and family, Carlisle; daughters, Diane Belcher, Marklesburg, and Denise Clapper and husband Tom, Meyersdale; five grandchildren, Kendra, P.J., Dylan, Alyssa, and Alex; and one nephew, Eddie. Also survived by brother, Edward Younkin Jr. and wife Sally, Salisbury; and 11 McCranor nieces and nephews. He is a 1963 graduate of Meyersdale High School. Retired in 2010, Mr. Younkin was a self-employed home improvements contractor. He was also a sub-contractor for major construction work in the Washington D.C. Metropolitan area. He enjoyed fishing, golfing, and was an avid Washington Redskins fan. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, at Price Funeral Home, Meyersdale, where service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, with the Rev. Frank Harpster III officiating. Interment Meyersdale Area Union Cemetery. Arrangements by Price Funeral Service, Inc., Meyersdale.

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*S/o Edward E Younkin, s/o Harvey Carl Younkin and Georgiana Moon.*

**Richard Eugene May**, 61, of Somerset, died March 2, 2015, at his home. Born January 24, 1954, in Somerset, the son of John Vernon and Sara Kathryn (Younkin) May. Preceded in death by parents. Survived by brother, William J. May and wife, Barbara of Sipesville; niece, Marsha Hutzell and

husband, Todd of Meyersdale; nephew, Mark May and wife, Heather of Sipesville; great-nieces, Jeannette, Amber, and Ashley. Richard is a graduate of Somerset High School, he had worked as an assembly for Gilmour Manufacturing, and was a member of Friedens Lutheran Church. Friends received from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, at the Hauger-Zeigler Funeral Home, Somerset, where a service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday, with the Rev. Edward DeVore officiating. Interment Somerset County Memorial Park. Contributions may be made to the Friedens Lutheran Community Fund, 131 S. Main St., Somerset, PA 15501.

[www.haugerzeigler.com](http://www.haugerzeigler.com). Tracked him down - his mother was the daughter of Wm Wesley Younkin who was killed by lightning, buried in Kingwood Lutheran Cem.

**Janet Soyka Younkin**, 63, of Connellsville, died Sunday, March 29, 2015, in Allegheny General Hospital. She was born June 13, 1951, in Mt. Pleasant, a daughter of the late Alvin Sr. and Lucille (Roadman) Soyka. Janet is survived by her loving husband of 46 years, William Younkin; daughters, Missy Emerick, Marcy Blankenship and husband, Brian, Mindy King and companion, Larry Black, and a sister, Connie Umble, all of Connellsville; grandchildren, Krista (Brawn), Kayla and Zachary Emerick, Brianna (Roy) Stratiff, Bethany (Nathan), Brian, Brandon and Brooke Blankenship and Kenny (Kaylee) and Kaitlyn King; and a great-grandson, Kenny King II. In addition to her parents, Janet was predeceased by her brothers, Bobby and Jerry Soyka, in infancy, Donald "Butts", Alvin "Sonny" and William "Billy" Soyka. Friends will be received from noon to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and from 10 until 11 a.m. Thursday, the hour of service with the Rev. Robert L. Wrathford officiating in the VITO C. MARTUCCI FUNERAL HOME, 123 S. First St., West Side, Connellsville, 724-628-9033. Interment will follow in Green Ridge Memorial Park. Janet's family would like to thank the staff of DCI, Mt. Pleasant, for the care they provided. To sign the online guest registry, visit our website at [www.martuccifuneralhome.com](http://www.martuccifuneralhome.com)

**Join Us at the 24th Annual  
Junghen/Younkin Family Reunion  
July 24-27, 2015 at the Kingwood  
Odd Fellows Picnic Grove in  
Kingwood, PA**

**REUNION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

**Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> AN EVENING OF  
GENEALOGY!**

6-11:00 pm – Meet at the Somerset, PA Comfort Inn Conference Room. Bring your genealogy records and photos! Younkin family history records will be available for your viewing, and intensively self-trained genealogists will be there to answer your questions and help with your family tree. Chat with old friends and make some new ones!

**Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> THE PICNIC! 9:00-11:45 am** – *A CARAVAN will leave the IOOF Grove* at 9:00 AM for a special visit of the Van Sickle Cemetery, just south of Farmington, Fayette County, to lay wreaths at several stones, including Civil War soldier, John K. Rush -- great-great grandfather of actress Shirley Jones, and Rush's brother in law, also a Veteran, Alexander Sanner. **GPS Coordinates: Latitude: 39.78000, Longitude: -79.60000**  
**Ceremony will begin at 10 AM**

**11:00 am – Reunion Officially Begins at the Kingwood IOOF Picnic Grove, Route 281** between New Centerville and Confluence! (It's about a 25-minute drive South from Somerset, PA)

**12:00 noon – Group photo** taken before the lunch.

**12:15 pm – Lunch catered by C&R Catering.** A roast beef and turkey lunch with scalloped potatoes & slaw. Costs this year will be \$10.00 per person. Children under 10 years old are free.

**1:15 pm Program – Mark Miner “Stories – Things your Mother Never Told You”** Mark is always entertaining...

**2:00 pm – Business meeting** with election of reunion committee officers for next year.

**2:15 pm – AUCTION FUNDRAISER** – Please donate home baked goods or items **made by you, a Younkin, descendant**, for this auction.

**3:00 to 4:00 pm** – Bring your Younkin pictures and memorabilia for all to see. Donna's discs with information will be made available...or just sit around and catch up with cousins or meet some new cousins.

**5:00 pm – Family Church Service at the Mt. Union Church**, at the corner of Turkeyfoot Trail and Mt. Union Road in Upper Turkeyfoot Township. A light picnic lunch will be served AFTER the Church Service. Cookies needed.

**8:00 pm – Comfort Inn Conference Room** open for visiting.

**Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> Breakfast! 8:00 am – Breakfast at the Somerset Comfort Inn** is only for those who stay there. Then spend the rest of your day visiting relatives or sites of interest in the Somerset area.

**QUESTIONS?** Feel free to contact the following reunion committee members for any questions:

Toni Younkin, President Phone: 724-747-2465  
Email: tmycey@yahoo.com

Linda Marker, Secretary Phone: 814-352-8029  
Email: Lmarker1@zoominternet.net

**COMING FROM OUT OF TOWN?  
NEED A PLACE TO STAY?**

If you need accommodations for the weekend, most of us stay at the Comfort Inn in Somerset just off the Somerset Exit of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. If you would like to make reservations there, please call the hotel directly at 1-800-354-7405 and tell them you are attending the Younkin Reunion for a discount. You must make these reservations by June 20th to get the discount, as the hotel is holding a group of rooms for us until then. Flora Howell is in charge of hotel coordination, meeting room and Sunday breakfast. Call her for questions: 330-733-8435 Comfort Inn no longer serves breakfast to the public. Only those staying there will be able to attend breakfast.